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"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'! " ~ Audrey Hepburn

IN THE NOOSE

"Is this a joke?" wrote LA Times reader Maureen Miller in Ventura. "Some conservatives are actually blaming an increase in pedestrian deaths on the first lady's campaign by saying Americans were putting themselves at risk by walking more?"

And then Michelle Bachmann (R-Minn) derides her for encouraging healthy breast-feeding, saying that it's "consistent with where the hard left is coming from." To which letter writer Robert Lovell in Fresno responds, "When God invented breasts as a means of feeding our young, He (or She) anticipated the current political hyper-polarization and put one on the left and one on the right. Problem solved."

Meanwhile, NewsCore reports that a borough council in London confiscated "Baby Gaga" breast milk ice cream, "Selling foodstuffs made from another person's bodily fluids can lead to viruses being passed on...potentially hepatitis," claimed council officer Brian "Big Baby" Connell.

"Our donor was screened at a leading medical clinic, and then the ice cream mix is fully pasteurized," retorted, Icecreamists' owner, Matt "Bite Me" O'Connor. Lactating mothers are paid £15 (\$24) for every 10 ounces of breast milk and must undergo the same health checks used by the UK's National Health Service to screen blood donors.

"We have had a fantastic response, and 200 women have come forward and offer[ed] to give us [their extra] milk," he asserted.

Steve Jobs looked alarmingly thin at his recent Apple appearance -- but not as thin as the new iPad! ~ Harry Anderson

LE\$\$ONS

Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest.

After a few minutes, Larry asked, 'Dad, why are you doing that?' His father replied, 'because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I pay.'

Larry, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom.'

In honor of Tennessee Williams Centennial, they're holding a "Stella" yelling contest in New Orleans. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

NOW JEW KNOW

Lon Hall, who recently returned from 2 1/2 weeks in Guatemala facilitating small groups of schoolteachers points out that the last Planet joke about the Jews not wanting to repair damage done to Egypt's pyramids during the current unrest is funny but not factual!

"The Great Pyramid was built over a 20-year period from about 2580-2560 BC," explains Lon, "and the earliest archeological evidence of Jews in Egypt dates to 650 BC" and the "guesstimate" of the timing of the Exodus (unsubstantiated by archeological evidence) is dated around 1200BC. Thus, "it is virtually certain no Jews were involved in constructing the pyramids."

"Probably one of the greatest miracles repeated forecast in the Bible is the survival of Jews!" concludes Lon. "Trying to exterminate them through repeated major attempts over the past several thousand years has been sort of like trying to make kudzu extinct."

And hooray and oi vey! Our "Good German" Pope, "Eggs" Benedict XVI has finally officially exonerated the Jewish people "as a whole" for the death of the Christ in his new book "Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week."

"Abstinence makes the church grow fondlers." ~ from Jim Terr

THICK 'N' THIN

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer.

As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side... You know what?"

"What dear?" she gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. "I think you're bad luck... get away from me."

"Love is the answer but while you are waiting...sex raises some pretty good questions." ~ 'Woody' Allen

O-LIGARCHY!

O----Oligarchy! Where the Rich get Richer all the time,
And the Union Slobs, just lose their jobs,
While the profits climb and climb and climb!

O----Oligarchy! Where a Corporation is a Guy,
And our country's shot,
Right through the heart,
While their bonuses rocket to the sky!

The U.S. was once proud and free,
But today, we're all broke,
And up a tree!

So when we shout - "Hey!
One day you'll have to pay!"
We're only sayin' --
"We've had enough, you greedy bastards,
Oligarchy - go 'way,
OK - Get lost, today!
Oligarchy -- NO WAAAAAY!!!"

"Maybe I'm old fashioned, but I'm nostalgic for the good old days when people robbed banks" (and not the other way 'round). ~ Swami Beyondananda

LESSONS IN DUMBOCRACY

A spending plan approved by the GOP-controlled House would slash funding for a tsunami ("harbor wave") warning center that issued an alarm after the devastating earthquake in Japan. Slashes would affect the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii and proposed cuts could result in rolling closures in offices of the National Weather Service.

It was also (finally) revealed this week that Clear Channel's Premiere Radio Network, which carries Limbaugh, Hannity and Beck, among other right-wing shills, regularly hires actors to fake on-air calls.

Before being censored, their website read: "Premiere On Call [will] supply voice talent to take/make your on-air calls, improvise your scenes or deliver your scripts. Using our simple online booking tool, specify the kind of voice you need, and we'll get you the right person fast. Unless you request it, you won't hear that same voice again for at least two months, ensuring the authenticity of your programming for avid listeners."

<http://www.tabletmag.com/life-and-religion/58759/radio-daze>

Hmmm. Better alert my agents!

"It's very hard to negotiate when the Republican leadership consists of John Boehner, Eric Canter, the Mad Hatter, and the White Rabbit." – Rep. Barney Frank

GOOD NEWS

And then, in another precedent-breaking event, a Northwestern University psychology professor offered his class a voluntary sex show to demonstrate variations in human sexual behavior.

Two unpaid "sexhibitionists" demonstrated use of a dildo to achieve orgasm in front of about 100 curious students and some moms who were auditing that day. A naked woman was penetrated with a battery-powered sex toy, after which Northwestern senior Justin Smith commented:

"It is probably something I will remember for the rest of my life. I can't say that about my Econ 202 class and the material that I learned there."

"It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it." ~ Lena Horne

OBLIGATORY IRISH JOKE

A Scotsman, an Englishman and an Irishman were having a few beers in an LA bar. "Ye know, lads," said the Scotsman, "as good as this place is," "I still prefer the pubs back home in Glasgow. Or instance, there's a wee place called McTavish's where the landlord goes out of his way for the locals. When you buy four pints, the fifth is on the house."

"Well, Angus," said the Englishman, "At my local in London, the Red Lion, the barman will buy you your third drink after you buy the first two."

"Ahhh, dat's nothin'," said the Irishman, "back home in my favorite pub,

the moment you set foot in the place, they'll buy you a drink, then another, all the drinks you like, actually. Then, when you've had enough drinks, they'll take you upstairs and see dat you gets laid -- all on the house!"

The Englishman and Scotsman were suspicious of the claims. The Irishman swore every word was true. "Did this actually happen to you?"

"Not meself, personally, no," admitted the Irishman, "but it did happen to me sister quite a few times."

"I was irrevocably betrothed to laughter, the sound of which has always seemed to me to be the most civilized music in the world." ~ Peter Ustinov

RAT IN THE BOX?

Every year forensic scientist Brendan Nytes in his CSI-like role as a microscopist with Microtrace, has to investigate how a dead rodent ended up in box of cereal, a jug of cider or a loaf of bread.

"Many arrive with outside help," says Nytes -- from a litigious consumer, an angry employee or a prankster. Gnaw marks on the inside or outside may reveal an entry point or an escape attempt while signs of eliminations can indicate whether the critter was still alive.

Occasionally, there is nothing really there because package contents settled during shipping, creating the illusion of a body part. "This is actually a big deal -- a consumer often claims it's a rodent, and it isn't," said Nytes. "It's a rock of product."

Also, recently, the owner of a competing pizza parlor in Philadelphia was caught planting live mice in the restroom of a rival shop! Pass the ratatouille, s'il vous plait.

"Nothing happens by accident in politics. □ If it happened, somebody made it happen." ~ Franklin Roosevelt

A COOL CHINESE FAN

"I know a place without water is desert; I know a place without sound is loneliness. You are the rain to water my heart. You are the sound to accompany me in my life course. A Chinese boy named Jingxuan will support you forever! You are very greatest. . My eyes always gaze you! Best Wish for you!"

"Act well your part; there the honor lies." ~ Fortune Cookie

COLLECTING

Tim Osburn, Garry Margolis, Jim Meskimen, Jim Reynolds, Kenneth Wilhite Jr., Richard Schulenburg, Victor Kopcewich, Bill Coombs, Alan Myerson, Scott W. Langill, Nick Oliva, Michael Cooke, Shelly Goldstein, Michael C. Gwynne, Bill Coombs, Melinda Peterson, Ed Ryba, Jayne Stahl, Jim Terr, Magic Mike Berger. – and to Scott Tennant, Bill Kanengiser, Matt Greif and John Dearman for some wonderful more performances of “Don Quixote” at Calgary University – recorded by the CBC as part of their Sunday Afternoon Concert series!

For bookings, contact Barry Steinberg at <barrie@franksalomon.com>

“Habit is stronger than need.” ~ Documentarian, Johanna Demetrakas

CONNECTING

COVER ME: <http://www.coverbrowser.com/covers/worst-album-covers>

SHOW ME SOME SKIN: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXO_ApjKPaI

BUNK: <http://tv.gawker.com/#!5773341/al-jazeera-takes-a-tour-of-gaddafis-bunker>

BUSHED: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnxNnJYziMY>

BIRTHED: <http://whathappenedinmybirthyear.com/>

BLOW IT: <http://www.wimp.com/harmonicacarnegie/>

CARLIN RAP: <http://www.nerdist.com/2011/03/carlin-step/>

DRILL: http://www.whc.net/rjones/USN/USN_team.html T

PIGLET: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIZRcxvGIWE&feature=player_embedded

PIC OUT: <http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/archivepix.html>

GOOSE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgDkSDmC24U&NR=1>

SAFE: <http://thesoundthepastmakes.blogspot.com/2011/03/tomorrow-is-where-past-is-1971s-safe.html>

BEES: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGFz9gt0-Fc&tracker=False&NR=1>

NO WATCHEE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNtNxxhQmkt4>

BONER: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P4Nste5PJc>

BONER!: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1358654/The-worlds-biggest-family-Ziona-Chan-39-wives-94-children-33-grandchildren.html>

MY WAY: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWvb1bt3RNk&feature=player_embedded

SPEAK: <http://www.wimp.com/speaktypography/>

TOTAL TOOLS: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5bYDhZBFLA>

IT'S MAGIC: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTzXJMU1sLc>

LITTER CAKES:

<http://www.google.com/images?um=1&hl=en&biw=1280&bih=730&tbs=isch:1&sa=1&q=c+at+litter+cake&aq=3&aqi=g10&aql=&oq=cat+lit>

THUMB CATS:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6CcxJQq1x8&feature=channel_video_title
GAYTREC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pD1903okdQ&feature=related>
LINES: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/quiz/2011/mar/01/muammar-gaddafi-charlie-sheen-quiz>
ZENGA: <http://globaleconomicanalysis.blogspot.com/2011/02/arab-world-embraces-israelis-youtube.html>

"There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires...courage." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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- * FIRESIGN CDS: <http://www.laugh.com>
- * BEARWHIZ: <http://www.eagletshirts.com>
- * FUNNY TIMES: <http://www.funnytimes.com>
- * FST: <http://www.FiresignTheatre.com>

"The rational mind is a faithful servant, while the intuitive mind is a priceless gift. We have created a society that worships the servant and has forgotten the gift." ~ Albert Einstein

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